

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** most often delivered in the home, hospice care provides patients and families with high-quality pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, allowing patients to live more fully surrounded and supported by loved ones, friends, and committed caregivers; and

**WHEREAS,** approximately 3,300 hospice and palliative care programs in communities across our state and nation, staffed by skilled and compassionate professionals and volunteers including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides and clergy, provide comprehensive care while making the wishes of each patient a priority; and

**WHEREAS,** counseling and bereavement care is available for family members and loved ones to help them cope with the losses faced during the illness and the grief experienced afterwards; and

**WHEREAS,** high-quality hospice care supports the right of every individual, regardless of age, health, or social status, to be treated with the utmost dignity, respect, and care.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2004 as

### HOSPICE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to increase awareness of the importance and availability of hospice services.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford", is written over a horizontal line.

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**